

VOCABULARY Revision 3: Idioms

Complete the sentences with the right word.

- 1 When I'm reading in English I sometimes **get st** _____ on a word and have to look it up.
- 2 Do you usually **follow** recipes **to the l** _____ when you're cooking, or do you like to improvise?
- 3 The dress **caught my e** _____ as soon as I walked into the shop. It was stunning!
- 4 We have to **f** _____ this problem head-on and solve it as quickly as possible.
- 5 The more you think about it, the worse it'll be. Just go with your **g** _____ **feeling** and see what happens.
- 6 Mark didn't really want to go to the theatre so he told a **wh** _____ **lie** and said he wasn't feeling very well.
- 7 Laura **broke** John's **h** _____ when she said she didn't want to marry him.
- 8 My mind went completely **bl** _____ in the exam. I just didn't know what to write.
- 9 Next door's dog's been barking for ages. It's really starting to **do my h** _____ in.
- 10 It must be really difficult for surgeons to keep calm in a **life-or-d** _____ situation.
- 11 What's the name of that actor who was in *The Imitation Game*? His name's **on the t** _____ **of my tongue**, but I just can't remember it!
- 12 I got **the wr** _____ **end of the stick** – I thought she was criticizing me, but she was actually trying to help.
- 13 They say that Chinese is one of the most difficult languages to **get your t** _____ **round**. The pronunciation is absolutely impossible.
- 14 It's taking me ages to put this IKEA bed together. I can't **get my head r** _____ the instructions.
- 15 James and Pete were **talking at cr** _____ **purposes**, which is why they didn't understand one another. They weren't even discussing the same thing.
- 16 Our boss is always full of big plans for the company, but he never **f** _____ them **through**.
- 17 The health service needs investment, and the taxpayer will have to **f** _____ **the bill**.
- 18 I'll definitely be coming to your party – I don't want to **m** _____ **out on** all the fun!
- 19 Even though Jake's in his forties, he goes straight back into '**ch** _____ **mode**' when he visits his parents. He behaves as if he was six again!
- 20 People who eat popcorn at the cinema irritate me **beyond b** _____. I find it really distracting and annoying.
- 21 Experts say you shouldn't do exercise **on an empty st** _____. Apparently, it burns up more calories if you have something to eat beforehand.
- 22 Whatever you do, keep calm and don't **l** _____ **your cool**. There's no point in getting angry with him.
- 23 I can't **m** _____ **up my mind** between the chocolate mousse and the apple tart.
- 24 Beth bought her flat for **n** _____ **to nothing** 15 years ago, but it's worth a fortune now.
- 25 Our weekend in Dublin was absolutely fantastic. We **had a b** _____ !